

REMARKS

Applicants and the Examiner held a telephonic interview on January 27, 2009. At this interview, proposed claim amendments to overcome the claim objections and place the case in a condition for allowance were discussed. Agreement was reached on amendments to overcome the claim objections. Applicants thank the Examiner for her time and consideration.

Claims 1-12 are canceled. Claims 13 and 15-17 are amended to overcome the Office Action's objections. Accordingly, claims 13 - 17 are pending in this application.

Claim Objections:

Claim 13 was objected to as not having complete patentable weight due to the recitation of "if" statements. Accordingly, the "if" statements are amended to recite definite language. Furthermore, the phrases "portions of the updated shared file" and "receiving a user-demanded file replication indication" were objected to as being indefinite and unclear. Accordingly, claim 13 is amended to use definite language and to provide clarity. Support for the amendments may be found, for example, in the specification at [0076].

Claims 15-17 were objected to as appearing to duplicate the same limitation. Accordingly, claims 15-17 are amended to provide clarification and remove any appearance of duplicating the same limitation.

Claim 16 was objected to as reciting "members contribution setting." Accordingly, claim 16 is amended per the Office Action's suggestion to recite "member contributions setting."

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment and arguments, Applicants submit the pending application is in condition for allowance and an early action so indicating is respectfully requested.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under Order No. 30835/306546, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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